



Agenda Item Number: 2005-6-5B

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: June 28, 2005

Department: Public Art Program **Staff Contact:** Sherri Olsen, Public Art Program Manager

TITLE: 1% for Public Art - Isleta Boulevard SW

ACTION: Motion to:

1. Approve the Arts Board recommendation of the artist team of Cassandra Reid and Paz (Patricio Zamora) for the commission of artwork for the Isleta Blvd. Phase I Reconstruction Project, and
2. Authorize the County Manager to execute a professional services contract with the artist team.

SUMMARY:

Upon termination of the previous public art contract for benches and panels for the Isleta Blvd. Phase I Project, the Arts Board initiated a new call for public art proposals from New Mexico artists only. Eight (8) proposals were received. The Arts Board and the three community representatives thoroughly reviewed each submission and selected the Paz/Reid team submission as the most appropriate for the streetscape project.

The Paz/Reid proposal includes one large ceramic tile sculpture at the Armijo Plaza site and four satellite ceramic tile sculptures located at the bus bays along the boulevard between Bridge and Arenal SW. All of the ceramic tiles will be hand made by the artists and permanently applied to the sculpted concrete forms installed at the bus bay locations. The tile mural design images depict various historical and contemporary times and sites of the cultures and communities found along what is now Isleta Blvd., including prehistoric indigenous cultures, colonial cultures, Route 66 and modern life, and the natural environment of the bosque.

Funding for this art project is from the Bernalillo County 1% for Public Art funds in the amount of \$115,000. This amount included design, fabrication and complete installation. The public art project is expected to be complete in the spring of 2006. The beginning of the ceramic tile installation will coincide with the Spring 2006 South Valley Pride Day event sponsored by Bernalillo County.

The attached draft contract requires further detailed negotiations with the artists on the exact sculpture placements. The Arts Board recommends approval of the artist team selection of Paz and Cassandra Reid, both of Albuquerque, and to authorize the County Manager to execute the contract with the artist once the placement details have been finalized. Final negotiations are expected to be complete in July 2005.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Prospectus # 1044 Competition for Works of Art for the Isleta Blvd . Public Art Project
2. Artists' Resume (hard copy only)
3. Artists' Proposal (hard copy and images)
4. Public Art Professional Services Contract-draft

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding is available for the construction from the following accounts:

County 1% for Art: BC12-538230-01RB \$81,395.00

County 1% for Art: BC12-538230-7900 \$33,605.00

\$115,000.00

STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY

COUNTY MANAGER

The attached sample professional services contract reflects improved language to better protect the County's interests when working with professional artists. The Arts Board and Program Manager worked closely with designated South Valley representatives to assure community input and support for the project. Staff will closely monitor the artwork development and installation. I recommend Board approval. TL 6/22/05

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR PUBLIC WORKS

Early in the development of the Isleta Blvd. Reconstruction Project, the Public Works Department worked closely with the Arts Board and the landscape architects to provide sites along the roadway appropriate for public art installations. The new artists' proposal will utilize several of the same sites at the bus bay locations. Construction and installation of the artworks will be provided completely by the artists. TW 6/16/05

LEGAL

The procurement of the public art complies with applicable law. The Legal Department will assist the County Manager and Program Manager in developing a Professional Services Contract that adequately protects the County's interests. Approved as to form. JSL 6/16/05

FINANCE

Budget	Funding is available from 1% for the Arts funding made available from General Obligation road bond proceeds per Bernalillo County Ordinance 97-5. Maria Zuniga, Financial Projects Coordinator, 6/15/05
Purchasing	Proper procurement procedures were followed. Billie Baca, Senior Buyer, 6/15/2005
Contracts	Contract control number will be assigned once executed by County Manager. Billie Baca, Senior Buyer, 06/15/2005